

November 12, 2024

A regular meeting of the Village Board began at 5:30 p.m. in the Village Office. Present were Mayor Jeffrey Oatman, Deputy Mayor Jeffery Kelley, Trustees: Erin LaPlante, Shawn Prievo, and Todd Scoville. Also, present were Superintendent of Public Works John Heller, Village Treasurer Abigail Meagher, Chief of Police Redden, Village Codes Officer Vincent DeBaise NOCCOG representative Joe Rowlands, Fire Dept. President Phil Denison, Chief Norm Wallis, Queen Central News Publisher Doug Cleveland, Camden Life Center Representative Jessica Perusse. Also in attendance were Kevin Brady, Mark Snow, Ken Light, Jason Kent, Stephen V., Alyssa La Perla and town resident Charles Schneckloth.

A motion was made by Trustee Kelley to approve the minutes from the prior meetings. The motion was seconded by Trustee Prievo and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Prievo to open the public hearing for proposed local law #1 of 2025 at 5:31 p.m. Trustee LaPlante seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

The Codes Enforcement Officer Vincent DeBaise reviewed his report with the Village Board.

Fire Dept. President Phil Denison reviewed his report with the Village Board.

NOCCOG representative Joe Rowlands reviewed the NOCCOG monthly newsletter with the Board, highlights included:

- ❖ Webinars offered included
 - NYCOM Planning and Zoning Webinars:
 - November 19th: The Open Meetings Law
 - December 3rd: Understanding Article 78
 - December 10th: Ethics for ZBA and Planning Board
 - December 17th: Parking: How It Impacts Community Development & How to Do It Right
 - Federal Aid 101 Webinar, Thursday, Dec. 5
 - Solar Energy for Small Wastewater Systems: Savings, Sustainability, and Incentives Webinar, Nov. 19
 - NYSLTAP - CLRP Webinars
 - Upcoming Webinars from the Office of the Comptroller

Chief Redden reviewed the police report with the Board. It is kept on file at the Police Dept.

A motion was made by Trustee Prievo to close the public hearing for proposed local law #1 of 2025 at 5:57p.m. Trustee LaPlante seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Trustee Prievo made a motion to adopt Local law #1 of 2025 entitled: *Property Tax Cap Override* at 5:58p.m. Trustee Kelley seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ONEIDA
VILLAGE OF CAMDEN

LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF THE YEAR 2025
Village of Camden, County of Oneida

A local law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Village of Camden, County of Oneida, pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c, and to allow the Village of Camden, County of Oneida, to adopt a village budget for (a) village purposes

(b) fire protection districts, and (c) any other special or improvement district governed by the village board for the fiscal year 2025-2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of the General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes the Village Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the village board.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override

The Village Board of the Village of Camden, County of Oneida, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2025-2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the limit specified in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 4. Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Superintendent Heller reviewed his report with the Board. It is available upon request.

Resulting from the joint meeting in Sept. with the Town, the Village Board agreed to revise the Fire contract (which was sent in August for approval) to include the following wording:

Tax revenues collected from the town fire district that exceed the fire contract sum shall (at the towns discretion) be contributed to the village to be reserved in the fire department capital reserve fund for future vehicle and equipment acquisitions.

Carver resubmitted the newly worded fire contract to the Town.

The Village Clerk will now request a list of the fire dept. membership indicating which members participated in the required annual trainings (Workplace Violence & Harassment and Discrimination).

Trustee Prievo made a motion to approve the following property-use requests from Imagine Greater Camden:

1. Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in the Village Park on November 30th @ 6:00 p.m.
2. Downtown Holiday Stroll - December 13th 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Trustee LaPlante seconded to motion; it was carried unanimously.

Trustee Kelley made a motion to approve to the monthly service contract and leasing of a Cannon IR DX C259iF printer for the office. Trustee Prievo seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

At 6:44 p.m. Trustee LaPlante made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation. The motion was seconded by Trustee Scoville and carried unanimously.

At 7:02 p.m. Trustee Scoville made the motion to adjourn from executive session and reconvene to regular board meeting already in session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Prieto and carried unanimously.

Trustee LaPlante made the motion to hire Alyssa La Perla for the position of part time police officer, effective 11/12/24, at the hourly rate of \$22.66. The motion was seconded by Trustee Prieto and carried unanimously.

Second public comment was held.

Treasurer Meagher presented the 1st payroll register of November for the Board's review. A motion was made by Trustee Scoville to execute approval of the submitted register. The motion was seconded by Trustee Prieto and carried unanimously.

A copy of the Treasurer's report and the budget to actual Capital projects report were submitted for the Board's review and approval. A motion was made by Trustee LaPlante to approve the report as submitted. The motion was seconded by Trustee Prieto and carried unanimously.

The October bank reconciliations were submitted for the Board's review and execution. A motion was made by Trustee Kelley to approve the statements as submitted. The motion was seconded by Trustee Prieto and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Kelley to pay all audited bills on Abstract #6 in the amount of \$198,515.10; inclusive of capital project payments totaling \$38,304.64. The motion was seconded by Trustee LaPlante and carried unanimously.

As there was no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. was made by Trustee Scoville. The motion was seconded by Trustee LaPlante and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted
Abigail Meagher

Village Treasurer